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**APPLICANTS:** STIEGLBAUER ET AL - 1 PCT  
**PCT NO. :** PCT/AT03/00150  
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**TITLE :** ELECTRODE PROTECTION DEVICE, SPOT-WELDING TOOL AND  
RESISTANCE WELDING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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S I R :

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.